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Subject: Ninth Monthly Status Report (April 1st to 30th, 2008)
Cedar Chemical Company Facility ("the Site")
Helena-West Helena, Arkansas
State EPA ID No. ARD990660649

Dear Mr. Benefield:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Chemical Company, a Division of Exxon Mobil Corporation and Helena Chemical Company, which comprise the Cedar Chemical Corporation Joint Defense Group ("the Group"), Geomatrix submits this letter constituting the Ninth Monthly Status Report (April 1st to 30th, 2008) summarizing our work efforts. This status report is being submitted under the scope of work and schedule presented to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on August 8, 2007. Summarized below are the activities completed in April 2008 and the activities planned for the site in May 2008.

Specific Work Completed in April 2008

General Site Activities

- March 24, 2008, Geomatrix mobilized to the site to begin the DPT and CPT work. Cindy Greenway of ADEQ provided oversight for ADEQ. On April 4th the DPT and CPT work was completed.
- On April 22 and 23rd, Kelly Beck and Charles Young of Geomatrix mobilized to the site in an attempt to collect groundwater samples from the temporary wells installed in the perched zone during the DPT work. During that work, the perched zone wells produced only a limited amount of groundwater. The amount of groundwater collected was not sufficient to allow analysis for all of the parameters listed in the FI Workplan. On April 8, 2008 Kelly Beck on behalf of the Group informed Tammie Hynum of ADEQ that the constituent list for these temporary wells would be narrowed to include Volatile Organic Constituents (VOCs), pesticides and herbicides only. Jim Rigg and Marilyn Egan of ADEQ met the Geomatrix crew and performed oversight of the sampling activities.



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During this same event, Geomatrix met with Jeff Wages Environmental Health and Safety Officer for Syrgis, who granted permission to sample monitoring wells OFF-MW3 and OFF-MW4 located on the Syrgis property. Groundwater samples were collected from these two wells and submitted to the laboratory for analysis of VOCs, Semi-volatile organics (SVOCs), pesticides and herbicides.

Site Investigation

- Analytical data from the CPT and DPT work performed in March are pending. Upon review of the data, well locations will be selected as described in the FI Workplan. Prior to well installation, the Group will submit a Supplemental Workplan Letter to ADEQ showing the well locations.

Site Investigation Report

- Following the completion of the site investigation, Geomatrix will submit the Site Investigation Report in accordance with the schedule in the Site Investigation Work Plan.

Feasibility Study

- Following ADEQ approval of the Site Investigation Report, Geomatrix will prepare and submit a Feasibility Study to identify a recommended site remedy.

Other Activities

- The Eighth Quarterly Status Report was submitted to ADEQ on April 25, 2008.

Work Planned for May 2008:

General Site Activities

- Kelly Beck of Geomatrix will meet ADEQ and US Environmental Services at the site on May 13th, 2008 to perform an inspection of the drum vault warehouse and formulate a plan to remove some of the contents such as desks, shelving etc., to another location at the site.

Site Investigation

- The Supplemental Workplan is scheduled to be delivered to ADEQ in May, 2008. The site investigation is scheduled to resume on May 28, 2008.



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Site Investigation Report

- No activities are planned in May. These activities will follow completion of the site investigation.

Feasibility Study

- No activities are planned in May. These activities will follow completion of the Site Investigation Report and approval by ADEQ.

Other Activities

- None

Project Issues Pending:

- It will be necessary to install a monitoring well on the BPS property located southeast of the Cedar Chemical site. The Group is working with BPS legal department to obtain access.

Regulatory and Legal Issues Pending:

- None

Meetings and Conference Calls with ADEQ:

- The next quarterly meeting with ADEQ is scheduled for sometime in June, 2008.
- Telephone calls and electronic communication will occur as needed.



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If you have any comments regarding this report, please call me at (512) 494-0333.

Sincerely,
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